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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 21, 2006, Applicants request the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks.